SENATE BILL NO. 340–SENATOR JACOBSEN (BY REQUEST)

MARCH 10, 1999

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Authorizes possession, use, manufacture, purchase, installation, transportation or sale of chlorofluorocarbons. (BDR 40-1518)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to hazardous materials; authorizing a person to possess, use, manufacture, purchase, install, transport or sell chlorofluorocarbons; providing that the possession, use, manufacture, purchase, installation, transportation or sale of chlorofluorocarbons does not subject a person or governmental entity to any type of punitive action; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- WHEREAS, The health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of
- 2 Nevada will be promoted by the continued use of chlorofluorocarbons for
- 3 purposes relating to refrigeration; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The use of chlorofluorocarbons for purposes relating to
- 5 refrigeration is more economical, less corrosive, more efficient and safer
- 6 than the use of currently available alternatives; and
- WHEREAS. The continued use of chlorofluorocarbons to maintain
- 8 service equipment that was designed for the use of chlorofluorocarbons will
- 9 extend the operating life of equipment currently in use and cause the
- 10 equipment to operate more efficiently and safely; and
- WHEREAS, Current concern about the danger of ozone holes is
- 12 scientifically unsupported; and
- WHEREAS, Providing a monopoly for a new refrigerant will increase the
- price of the refrigerant in the State of Nevada and cost the people of the
- 15 State of Nevada millions of dollars; now, therefore,

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

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- 4 **Section 1.** Chapter 459 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 6 1. Notwithstanding any other law, a person may possess, use,
 7 manufacture, purchase, install, transport or sell chlorofluorocarbons.
- 8 2. The possession, use, manufacture, purchase, installation, 9 transportation or sale of chlorofluorocarbons does not subject any
- 10 person, this state or any political subdivision of this state to any penalty,
- 11 fine, retaliatory action or other punitive measure.

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